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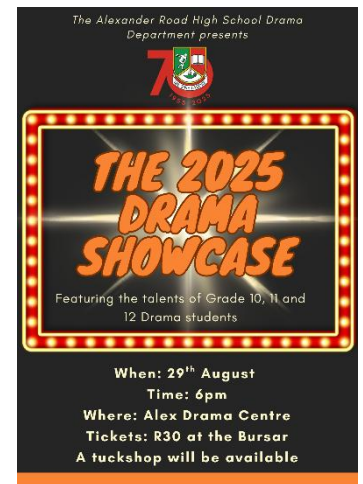
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Dear Alex Family Members

The 70th Celebrations Kick Off

Today is the start of our very first reunion week. We have been planning this week for over 18 months, and we are bursting with excitement about it. You will see adverts in this newsletter for most of the events. We kick things off with our last Winter Derby against Victoria Park from this afternoon, ending tomorrow. Tonight, we have the drama showcase and the Braille Bingo evening. The purpose of all these events is to get our community together and have a good time. Please join us for the ones that appeal to you. A massive thanks to the teams that have put all these events together. They each take a massive amount of energy; we all need to appreciate this contribution to our wonderful community.



Rocking and Rolling with Us

Next Saturday is possibly one of the highlights of the year (or possibly not). If you have not yet been to one of the staff performances of a rock and roll evening, then you may not know about how much fun we can have together. This year we are being hosted by Centrestage at their venue in the Baywest Mall. We have strong links with many of the current members of Centrestage, with many of them being ex-Alexans or parents of ex-Alexans. Saturday, 6 September, is going to be a bumper evening filled with some beautiful singing by Thuba and Kaylyn and some more mediocre backing by the Alex staff. Please get your ticket before it is too late.

<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/331266-rockin-since-55/>

Braille Bingo

A quick reminder about the Braille Bingo evening tonight. It promises to be a lot of fun while you get the chance to see with your fingers.

<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/319690-braille-bingo/>



Congratulations

We are immensely proud of Sinelethu Mgedisi who was one of our pupils who entered the Royal Society of South Africa Science Essay competition. She wrote a very impressive and well-structured essay about stem cells and won the national competition and takes home R5000 as prize money. Well done, Sinelethu!

Congratulations to the following for their achievements in the Wits Maths Competition:

For achieving Merit: Lara Aspelng, Muhammad Baboo, Erin Beling, Caylee de Klerk, Sinxolo Dlula, Kaylee Koeberg, Alihle Mtywaru, Ronaldo Parish, Keane Pienaar.

For achieving the highest – Excellence: Ona Moloto; Usemhle Mtshekexex; Nerisha Ramsamy.

The Alex Big Band delivered an exquisite performance at Clarendon on 23 August at the Jazz Festival hosted by one of the city's finest primary schools. Led by Ms Grace Njogu, the Big Band really stepped into a realm of their own and delighted an audience that received them with rapturous applause. We are extremely proud of you, Alex Big Band! Well done!



Trivia Evening

Look out for our Trivia Evening, planned as part of our 70th celebrations week. We will be at the Mill Park Bowling Club on the 4th of September. Get your team of eight people together to enjoy the time with us. We have some fun prizes and good times together planned.

[Book tickets for 70th Celebration Trivia Evening](#)

Family day

Please book Family Day on your calendar for next Saturday. We will have inter-class soccer and a load of food trucks as well as the staff vs pupils and first teams vs ex-Alexans sports matches. It is going to be another wonderful Alex day. Please join us for the morning.



Big Bands Festival

We are very excited about the Big Bands Festival. This event rotates between the schools that participate, and this year is hosted by Grey. Please put a pin into your diary for this one. It is the only time in the year when you get to see all the very best high school bands in one performance. It culminates in a mass band event with over 100 musicians.
<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/330706-2025-high-schools-bands-festival/?preview=t>



Wind Band and Friends

Further out, please keep 20 September open for our Wind Band Concert. Look forward to some delightful individual and ensemble performances.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week.

Regards

Matthew Ridgway

